

2007: GATHERING STRENGTH

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Flashes in the distance often foreshadow what is to come. Long before the refreshing storm breaks with sheets of rain on the thirsty ground, those who scan the horizon see the signs of its arrival, and are ready when it comes. For International Justice Mission Canada, 2007 seems to have been a year of steady preparation, interspersed with signals predicting an outpouring of justice.

SIGNS OF THINGS TO COME

The most remarkable thing about 2007 at first seems to be our growth in revenue—from \$355,833 in 2006 to \$524,681 in 2007—an increase of almost 50%. While such an accomplishment is noteworthy (and a tribute to our many faithful donors), I feel that the other hallmarks of the season are signs of the gathering storm.

- Our field office in Bolivia, for which we had been praying and planning for many years, became operational in January 2007. By year-end, 84 referrals of various types of abuse and violent crime had been received. In 2008, the first cases of sexual violence against children have proceeded to trial, and recently, our team co-operated with the Bolivian police to conduct their first rescue of human trafficking victims.
- Seemingly more than ever before, the global problem of injustice was on the minds of Canadians. Invitations to speak and opportunities to address the media came in from across the country, both as a result of patient relationship-building and as a result of unexpected connections.
- A generation of justice advocates is emerging in schools across Canada. Recently, the children of a large church in Toronto collected \$6,700 in loose change to help rescue children from sexual violence in Bolivia. The first IJM Campus Chapters in Canada were formed at Tyndale in Toronto and McMaster in Hamilton, with interest growing on other campuses.
- Where once my wife Elizabeth and I carried the IJM banner virtually on our own in Canada, our staff has now grown to four full-time employees and one half-time, bolstered by a dynamic Board of Directors, and supported by a passionate team of volunteers who contribute everything from administrative help to legal research to international police training expertise.
- IJM's vital roles in Christian mission and international development were recognized in 2007 through contributions for our project in Bolivia from Samaritan's Purse, Global Peace Initiative and The Charis Foundation, and through a grant from Bridgeway Foundation for a professional development program for me.
- 911 people made gifts to IJM Canada in 2007, from nine different provinces. 159 people made and fulfilled a commitment to provide monthly support, with gifts totaling \$7,672 in December 2007 and growing to over \$10,100 a month today. Just as a storm gathers its strength through unseen activity, these monthly donors are a quiet source of strength to our organization.
- Just as important are our prayer partners who intercede with God on behalf of victims of violence and oppression. At year-end, almost 1,000 people were registered to receive our weekly prayer updates.

What all this activity accomplishes is illustrated by the stories we've related to you in recent months. The story of Salila, a young woman from South Asia lured into captivity as a sex slave by a promise of a better paying job in the city, but rescued through the intervention of IJM workers and the local police. The story of Lisa, a fearless young woman from Cambodia whose testimony resulted in the conviction of the Russian entrepreneur who had repeatedly violated her. There are many other stories—in 2007, the efforts of IJM workers around the world resulted in tangible relief being granted to 1,663 victims of oppression. Although IJM internationally is 11 years old this year, these stories are just the beginning of a movement of freedom, energized by God and perpetuated through the service and support of a growing network of Canadians, Americans, Britons, and citizens of many other countries around the world.

FROM STRENGTH TO STRENGTH

With sustained effort, many of the things I have reported are capable of reaching their fruition this year. We hope to soon report the conviction of one or more perpetrators of sex crimes in Bolivia, the first as a result of our work there. Next month, thousands of church leaders from across Canada will hear the message of biblical justice through Gary Haugen's address to the Willow Creek Leadership Summit. Later this year, IJM Canada will send a team of lawyers, police officers and medical personnel to Bolivia to train public justice officials and child welfare workers in the investigation and prosecution of child sexual abuse. The storm is gathering force, and transformation is on its way.

Sometimes the impending storm dissipates, leaving untouched that which is in dire need of renewal. When insufficient energy is gathered, the promise of breakthrough falls short. This is precisely what those who prey upon the vulnerable are counting on: that we will grow weary, or bored, or weak, or distracted. In the work of justice, we cannot allow our energies to be wasted by giving only by half-measures. Instead, we must gather strength from one another and from engagement in the conflict.

As we look to the season ahead, we are confident that with your help, we can participate robustly in this outpouring of justice. In the end, we will be stronger for it, and the courageous women, children and men now languishing in places of deprivation will walk into their freedom.

Jamie McIntosh



Executive Director, IJM Canada



IJM Canada's executive director Jamie McIntosh distributing blankets to children in El Alto, Bolivia

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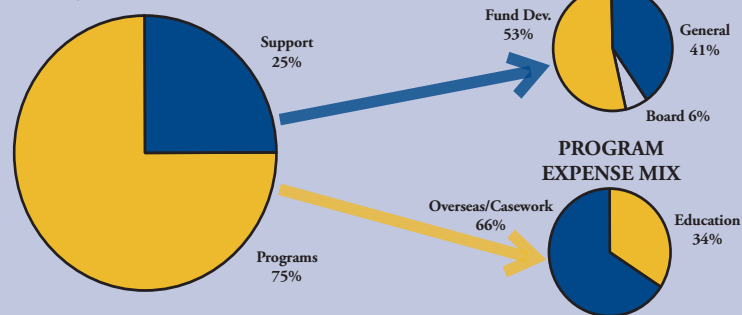
Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2007

	2007 \$	2006 \$
Assets		
Cash	43,439	123,628
Investment	50,000	99,000
Accounts receivable	4,924	5,975
	<u>98,363</u>	<u>228,603</u>
Liabilities and Surplus		
Accounts payable	15,098	9,983
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Surplus	83,265	218,620
	<u>98,363</u>	<u>228,603</u>

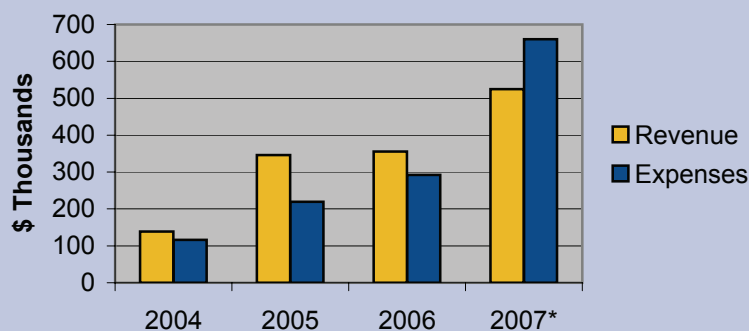
Statement of Operations and Surplus Year ended December 31, 2007

	Unrestricted \$	Temporarily Restricted \$	Total 2007 \$	2006 \$
Revenue				
Donations	393,833	107,163	500,996	331,224
Sale of books and shirts	7,204	-	7,204	10,027
Fundraising events	6,396	-	6,396	6,970
Honoraria	8,514	-	8,514	7,540
Other	1,571	-	1,571	72
	<u>417,518</u>	<u>107,163</u>	<u>524,681</u>	<u>355,833</u>
Expenses - schedule				
Education	169,385	-	169,385	156,001
Overseas / casework	96,860	228,858	325,718	61,668
Board expenses	10,031	-	10,031	3,469
Fund development	87,962	-	87,962	41,659
General	66,939	-	66,939	29,593
	<u>431,177</u>	<u>228,858</u>	<u>660,035</u>	<u>292,390</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	(13,659)	(121,695)	(135,354)	63,443
Surplus, beginning of year	93,176	125,443	218,619	155,177
Surplus, end of year	<u>79,517</u>	<u>3,748</u>	<u>83,265</u>	<u>218,620</u>

2007 EXPENSES



Growth from 2004 to 2007



* 2007 expenses include funds accumulated for overseas ministry in 2005 and 2006 but not disbursed

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